



CITY of BEAVERTON

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LIVING GREENER: GO GREEN AT HOME ON A BUDGET

- Beaverton's Neighborhood Summit to Feature Budget Friendly Sustainable Tips, Free Refreshments Donated by Café Yumm! and Qdoba -

Beaverton, Oregon (March 25, 2010) – Interested in living more sustainably? You're invited to the City of Beaverton's Seventh Annual **Neighborhood Summit: "Living Greener: Learn how to be sustainable at home on a budget."** The summit will feature presenters from Energy Trust, Portland State University, and Clackamas River Water Providers. There will be exhibits from more than 40 local organizations, including 20 Beaverton businesses. Activities for children will be available including crafts made from recycled material.

The Neighborhood Summit is presented by the Beaverton Committee for Citizen Involvement, is free to the public and will take place on **Saturday, April 10 from 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.** at Beaverton City Hall (4755 SW Griffith Drive). **Doors open at 8:30 a.m.** for registration and refreshments donated by Café Yumm! and Qdoba. The Burgerville Nomad will also be available for participants to purchase lunch.

"The City of Beaverton is committed to boosting awareness and increasing sustainable practices throughout our community," said Beaverton Mayor Denny Doyle. "The Neighborhood Summit is a great way for individuals to learn practical ways to green their homes."

EVENT TOPICS

- Energy Trust Residential Incentives: Savings Throughout the Home, Jim Fitzpatrick, Energy Trust
- Conserving Water with Native Plants and Natural Gardening, Christine Hollenbeck, Clackamas River Water Providers
- Electric Vehicles: Arriving in Oregon, George Beard, Mark O. Hatfield School of Government, Portland State University

EXHIBITORS

Look for great ideas from participating organizations including Anthem College, Burgerville Nomad, Café Yumm!, Camelia's Candles, City of Beaverton Public Works, Recycling and Visioning Programs, Clackamas River Water Providers, Clean Water Services, Clear Choice Window and Door, Davey Organicare, Ecodycleaner, Energy Trust of Oregon, Freecycle Washington County, Friends of Trees, Green Dog Cleaning, Green Mountain Energy, Koeber's Inc., Mercer Windows, Metro/OSU Natural Gardening, Metro Paint, MIC Total Recycle, My Beaverton Dentist, NW Home Energy Solutions, NW TuffStone, Oberon 3 Inc., Oregon Environmental Council, Ovation Design Build, Optimization Technologies, Oregon Environmental Council, Oregon League of Conservation Voters, Ovation Design Build, PDX Purple, PGE, Portland Community College, Qdoba, ReDirect Guide, Servpro, Sierra Club, Solar City, Solar World, SOLV, Specialty Heating, Surfrider Foundation, TriMet, White Lotus Cleaning, and Whole Foods Market.

All attendees will be entered into a raffle to win a sustainability kit, gift certificates to New Seasons and Bike Gallery, a Chinook Book, and many other great prizes. Event participants are asked to walk, bike, or plan their trip to this event on TriMet at www.TriMet.org. Those who drive are asked to use the back parking lot at City Hall.

Children's activities will be available so families are encouraged to bring the kids along. The activities will include crafts made from recycled material, coloring, and exploring the importance of water in a book called "Water and You."

For more information or to RSVP by Friday, April 2nd, please call Blake Hickman at (503) 526-2380 or send an email to bhickman@ci.beaverton.or.us. More information is also available on the City's Web site at www.BeavertonOregon.gov/LivingGreener.

ABOUT BEAVERTON

Beaverton was recently named the **safest city in the Northwest** for the third consecutive year. Among other accolades, Beaverton was also lauded as one of the **Best Places to Raise Kids in America by BusinessWeek** magazine, one of the **Top 100 Best Places to Live in America by Money** magazine, an **All-America City finalist in 2005**, is recognized by the Environmental Protection Agency as a **Green Power Community** and is designated as a **Bronze Award Bicycle Friendly Community** by the League of American Bicyclists. Beaverton also enjoys the most diverse population (by percentage of population) among Oregon cities.

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